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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISION OF CANADIAN COPYRIGHT LAW

1. CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS MINISTER ANTHONY ABBOTT RELEASED ON MARCH 29 A SPECIAL STUDY PROPOSING REVISIONS TO CANADIAN COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION. THE LAST REVISION OCCURRED IN 1921 AND EFFORTS TO REVISE IT SINCE THAT TIME HAVE BEEN SPORADIC.

2. THE STUDY, AS IN THE CASE OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CANADIAN PATENT LAW (OTTAWA A-350, JUNE 7, 1976), WAS PREPARED BY A CONSULTANT AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OR THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS, BUT "PROVIDES A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR DIALOGUE CONCERNING POSSIBLE COPYRIGHT LAW REVISION," ACCORDING TO MINISTER ABBOTT.

3. ALSO, AS IN THE CASE OF THE PROPOSED PATENT LAW REVISION, THE MINISTRY HAS TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD WELCOME U.S. GOVERNMENT COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED COPYRIGHT REVISIONS.

4. COPIES OF THE STUDY HAVE BEEN SENT BY CONSUMER & CORPORATE AFFAIRS DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE. HOWEVER, IF ADDITIONAL COPIES ARE NEEDED, EMBASSY WILL REQUEST THEM. ENDERS
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